

No Dram Shop Charges in ASU Student's Death

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In a one-sentence release, District Attorney Gerald Wilson says the drowning death of ASU Student Tyler Lee Blalock would not lead to charges against any of the establishments that sold or those who provided the teen alcohol the night before his death in late September. The 19-year olds' body was found in the water of the creek that flows through Durham Park on campus early the morning of September 28th, and an intense investigation was launched into just how and where the underage teen obtained alcohol. The probe identified several local bars that apparently sold to the teen, but also said the teen had an ID from someone else that closely resembled Blalock. Wilson's statement said that, "After reviewing reports from the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency, the District Attorney's Office has determined that no criminal charges will be brought under the Dram Shop Laws as a result of the accidental death of ASU student Tyler Lee Blalock.